

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 remain in the application and claim 1 has been amended hereby. Claim 9 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 1 and 9 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Hosobuchi et al.

Claim 9 has been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

The present invention relates to a network system connecting a plurality of different types of user terminals, e.g. a TV, a PC, and a cellphone, having a removable memory card, to a server. See Fig. 2 of the present application, for example.

Features of the server (22 in Fig. 8) according to the present invention are means (22E in Fig. 8) for converting message information (e.g. electronic mails) addressed to an authenticated user (authenticated using 22B in Fig. 8) to a data format (D26 in Fig. 8) compatible with the type of terminal device being used by the user. The server authenticates the user and identifies the type of terminal device being used from information transmitted by the terminal device when a removable memory is loaded therein.

Looking at Hosobuchi et al. we see that there is no means for converting message information addressed to an authenticated user to a data format compatible with the type of terminal device

being used. The system of Hosobuchi et al. is merely identifying the user and the address of the workstation being used and all the workstations in the system of Hosobuchi et al. are of the same type (50<sub>1-m</sub> in Fig. 1).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Hosobuchi et al.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Hosobuchi et al.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and further recites the feature shown in Fig. 11 of erasing registered information about the user and the type of terminal device being used when the removable memory is extracted from the terminal device being used. It is respectfully submitted that Hosobuchi et al. fails to show or suggest erasing registered information about the user because Hosobuchi et al. is tracking the user's access time to the host computer (Fig. 7).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claim 3 is patentably distinct over Hosobuchi et al.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or

search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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